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SUMMARY: ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY SECGEN
WILLIAM ETEKI MBOUMOUA IN OAU TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S MES-
SAGE CALLED ON AFRICANS TO MAKE 1978 A YEAR OF SELF-
CONFIDENCE. HE TOOK NOTE OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLES IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA, ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING THE CONTINENT,
AND SHAMELESS INTERVENTION BY THOSE WHO ARE STILL DREAM-
ING OF DESTABLIZING AFRICA. HE POINTEDLY REITERATED
CHERISHED OAU PRINCIPLES OF SOVERIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTE-
GRITY, INDEPENDENCE, AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF STATES. ETEKI SAID THE SUPREME MISSION OF THE
OAU WAS TO REMIND MEMBERS "UNOBLIGINGLY" TO ADHERE TO PRIN-
CIPLES AND PURPOSES OF CHARTER AND EXERT ITSELF AS FORCE
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AGAINST DISUNION. ETEKI'S MESSAGE GENERALIZED ENOUGH
TO APPLY TO NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES WITHOUT SPECIFI-
CALLY CRITICIZING THEM BY NAME. ALSO, REFERENCE TO
EXTERNAL INTERVENTION DID NOT SPECIFY ANY PARTICULAR
COUNTRIES AND COULD BE READ TO MEAN ALMOST ANY NON-
AFRICAN STATE. IN SUM, MESSAGE ATTEMPTED TO RAISE
AFRICAN ISSUES WITHOUT ANTAGONIZING ANYONE WHICH DIF-

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FICULT PROPOSITION CONSIDERING CURRENT AFRICAN DISPUTES.
END SUMMARY.

1. OAU SECGEN ETEKI CHARACTERIZED PAST YEAR
AS ONE IN WHICH DELAYED-ACTION EXPLOSIVE SHAMELESSLY
LEFT BEHIND BY COLONIZER TO BURST. HE FURTHER STATED
IT WAS YEAR OF SHAMELESS INTERVENTIONS (SIC) WITH VIEW
TO EXPLOITING DISSENSION BETWEEN AFRICAN STATES. ETEKI
WENT ON TO CITE DEHUMANIZING PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA. ECONOMICALLY, ETEKI DESCRIBED PAST YEAR AS ONE
OF PERSISTENT INFLATION, MONETARY INSTABILITY, EXHOR-
BITANT BURDEN OF DEBTS, DOWNWARD FLUCTUATION OF BASIC
COMMODITIES' PRICES, LACK OF PROGRESS IN PARIS NORTH-
SOUTH DIALOGUE AND IN GENEVA GENERAL SYSTEM OF PRICE
STABILIZATION TALKS AND AS ONE OF NATURAL CALAMATIES
AFFLICTING CONTINENT SUCH AS DROUGHT.

2. PERHAPS WITH CURRENT DISPUTES IN MIND, ETEKI RE-
ITERATED THOSE ELEMENTS FROM OAU CHARTER PREAMBLE
WHICH ORIGINALLY WRITTEN TO SAFEGUARD AND CONSOLIDATE
AFRICAN STATES' INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, AND INTE-
GRITY. HE EMPHASIZED TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, NON-
INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND RESPECT FOR
SOVERIGNTY OF EACH STATE. HE STATED OAU BELIEVED
IN PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BY NEGOTIATION,
MEDIATION, CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION. HE SAID
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THE OAU IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE MORAL AND INSPIRED
AUTHORITY TO SETTLE DISPUTES PROLIFERATING BETWEEN
COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, WHEN THESE COUNTRIES ARE DIVIDED,
PULLED ABOUT, OR MANIPULATED, THEY CREATE CONDITIONS
WHICH NOT LONG AGO FAVORED COLONIALISM AND DOMINATION.
THEREFORE, IT INCUMBENT UPON OAU TO STRENGTHEN ITS
MORAL AUTHORITY AND THUS WARRANT RESPECT AND CREDI-
BILITY, ESPECIALLY ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES.

3. ETEKI CONCLUDED BY CALLING ON OAU MEMBER STATES
TO MAKE 1978 THE YEAR OF SELF-CONFIDENCE -- CONFICENCE
IN STRUGGLE FOR TOTAL LIBERATION OF AFRICA, IN EF-
FORTS TO HARMONIZE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES, IN GREATER
SOLIDARITY AMONG STATES, AND FINALLY CONFIDENCE IN THE
FAITH OF AFRICA TO LIBERATE HERSELF AND REINSTATE HER
DIGNITY.
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